

LABOR SERVICES DIVISION[875]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 89A.3, the Elevator Safety Board hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 72, “Conveyances Installed On or After January 1, 1975,” Iowa Administrative Code.

In 2002, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers removed from the Safety Code for Elevators and Escalators a long-standing requirement that automatic passenger elevators be equipped with an alarm bell. In the past year, a very small number of elevators have been installed without an alarm bell. The proposed new rule would require an alarm bell for all automatic passenger elevators installed since 1975. The Elevator Safety Board has determined that an alarm bell is an important, cost-effective safety feature, especially in the event the telephone on the elevator car does not work.

The purposes of this amendment are to protect the health and safety of the public and implement legislative intent.

If requested in accordance with Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b” by the close of business on June 18, 2013, a public hearing will be held on June 19, 2013, at 1:30 p.m. in the Capitol View Room at 1000 East Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa. Interested persons will be given the opportunity to make oral statements and file documents concerning the proposed amendment.

The facility for the oral presentations is accessible to and functional for persons with physical disabilities. Persons who have special requirements should call (515)281-5915 in advance to arrange access or other needed services.

Written data, views, or arguments to be considered in adoption shall be submitted by interested persons no later than June 19, 2013, to Division of Labor Services, 1000 East Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0209. Comments may be sent electronically to kathleen.uehling@iwd.iowa.gov.

No variance procedures are included in this rule. Applicable variance procedures are set forth in 875—Chapter 66.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs will occur.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 89A.

The following amendment is proposed.

Adopt the following new rule 875—72.25(89A):

875—72.25(89A) Alarm bell. An automatic passenger elevator shall be provided with an alarm bell that is activated by a switch marked “ALARM” located in or adjacent to the car operating panel. The alarm bell shall be audible inside the car and outside the hoistway.